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DEPT PASS TREASURY AND FRB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EALR, EAID, EFIN, KU, CE

SUBJECT: KUWAIT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR SRI LANKA

1. BASED ON REMARKS MADE TO US RECENTLY BY KUWAITI OFFICIALS, IT APPEARS THAT SRI LANKA WILL BE AMONG FIRST NON-ARAB STATES TO RECEIVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM KUWAIT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING PUT ON AT LEAST ONE PROJECT LOAN TO BE EXTENDED TO SRI LANKA THROUGH KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE MADE SOON.

2. IN ADDITION, APPARENTLY AT URGENT REQUEST OF SRI LANKA, KUWAIT CENTRAL BANK HAS PLACED LARGE DEPOSIT IN COLOMBO. WE BELIEVE AMOUNT IS \$25 MILLION, AND PRESUMABLY DEPOSIT HAS BEEN MADE WITH SRI LANKA CENTRAL BANK. THIS NOT ONLY WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED BY KUWAITIS, BUT IT WILL BE TREATED AS A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL MATTER.

3. COMMENT: AS WE NOTED RECENTLY (KUWAIT 1434) THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT GOK, THROUGH CENTRAL BANK DEPOSITS, WILLING EXTEND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE TO SELECTED COUNTRIES  
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WHO ARE AMONG THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED GROUP OF THE LDC'S.

AS WITH SRI LANKA, HOWEVER, GOK GOING OUT OF ITS WAY TO  
AVOID ANY PUBLICITY OF THIS ACTIVITY.  
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